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Chairman Max Wilson Approves Public Works Project in the West Valley

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County, in partnership with the City of Peoria and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, is designing drainage improvements for the vicinity of 83rd Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road. The project will be designed to mitigate storm water flooding in the area from Calle Lejos to Pinnacle Peak Road between 83rd and 91st Avenues. Without these improvements, storm water would be expected to continue to cause flooding of the streets and neighborhoods in the area.

Many streets in this area lack a storm drain system. Piecemeal growth has resulted in development without adequate flood control and drainage infrastructure. Consequently, some local properties and area streets have experienced repeated flooding.

The proposed improvements include the construction of detention basins at the northwest corner of 83rd Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road and at the southeast corner of Avenida del Sol and 87th Avenue. New storm drains along Calle Lejos, Cielo Grande, Avenida del Sol, Pinnacle Peak Road, 83rd Avenue, 87th Avenue and 89th Avenue will collect water and convey it to the basins via a system of pipes.

The flood district's goal is to enhance the year-round value of its facilities by incorporating features that will preserve the natural landscape, protect and enhance the local community character, improve the aesthetic value of its properties and provide opportunities for recreation activities.

Supervisor Max Wilson, District 4, says, "This project will solve the flooding problems faced by these residents. I'm glad Maricopa County could partner with the city to benefit these neighborhoods."